

Appl. No.: 10/523,564

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Response to Office Action Mailed June 6, 2006

**REMARKS:**

Applicant thanks the examiner for the time and care taken in examining this application. The following is stated in response to the objections and rejections in the second, non-final Office action.

**Section 112 Rejections.** Claim 1 has been amended for the purpose of changing "which bearings" to "said bearings" to clarify the language of the claim as suggested by the examiner, and for the purpose of addressing the Section 112, second paragraph rejection by clarifying that the first stops are displaceable in the axial direction of the piston stroke.

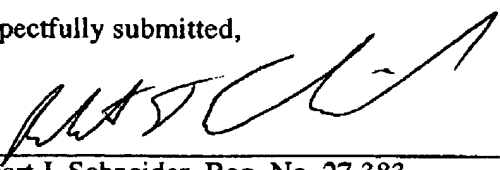
Therefore, in light of the prior finding of allowability of claims 1-20 and the amendment above addressing all remaining objections and rejections, it is respectfully submitted that all the objections have been met, that all rejections should now be withdrawn, and that the application is now in condition to pass to allowance. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

**Extension Request and Fee Authorization.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 for filing this communication, such extension being hereby requested. The Examiner is encouraged to call the attorneys for Applicant(s) at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

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